

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A combined toothbrush and toothpaste storage device comprising:

- (a) a toothbrush container, wherein said container is comprised of a ~~opposed~~ front sidewall and an, opposed rear sidewall[[s]], ~~[[and]]~~ a ~~opposed~~ first lateral sidewall and a second, opposed lateral sidewall[[s]], and having a series of elongate rectangular cavities located at said front sidewall thereof with removable rectangular toothbrush receptacles disposed in said cavities, a sliding panel with grasping handle, said sliding panel disposed within an elongate aperture located at said front sidewall between said toothbrush receptacles and said second lateral sidewall, and an aperture located at said second lateral sidewall of said toothbrush container and communicating with a cavity of said toothbrush container, said cavity housing a removable toothbrush carrying case;
- (b) a toothpaste tube container located on the top side of said toothbrush container, said toothpaste tube container having a ~~opposed~~ front sidewall and an, opposed rear sidewall[[s]]; a ~~opposed~~ first lateral sidewall and an, opposed second lateral sidewalls; and a bottom sidewall, said sidewalls defining an interior space into which a tube of toothpaste is stored, a detachable cover disposed within a slot located in said front sidewall and slidingly engaged within grooves of first and second lateral sidewalls so as to be located above said interior space; and

(c) attachment means to ~~attach~~ affix said storage device to a supporting wall surface, said attachment means attached to a rear sidewall of said toothbrush container and located within a cavity at the rear side of said toothbrush container.

2. (Original) The combined toothbrush and toothpaste storage device as recited in claim 1, wherein said sliding panel has an exterior grasping handle located at a first side thereof and a pair of interiorly located knobs extending from opposed corners located at a second side thereof, said knobs engaging the interior side of said front sidewall when said sliding panel is fully extended from said front sidewall.

3. (Currently Amended) The combined toothbrush and toothpaste storage device as recited in claim 1, wherein said sliding panel can be maintained in either a closed position or an opened position, said closed position comprised of said sliding panel retracted within the interior of said toothbrush container leaving ~~only~~ said grasping handle exposed and covering said aperture located at said second lateral sidewall of said toothbrush container in order to hold said removable toothbrush carrying case ~~within~~ inside said cavity of said toothbrush container, or said opened position comprised of said sliding panel extended from said front sidewall of said toothbrush container to uncover said aperture located at said second lateral sidewall of said toothbrush container in order to allow

access to said removable toothbrush carrying case located ~~within~~ inside said cavity of said toothbrush container.

4. (Original) The combined toothbrush and toothpaste storage device as recited in claim 1, wherein said cavity that houses said removable toothbrush carrying case is defined by said rear sidewall of said toothbrush container, an opposed internal sidewall, a top sidewall, and a bottom sidewall.

5. (Currently Amended) The combined toothbrush and toothpaste storage device as recited in claim 1, wherein each rectangular toothbrush receptacle is comprised of a bottom sidewall; ~~a opposed front~~, longer sidewall and an opposed rear, longer sidewall[[s]], a grasping handle located medially on said front sidewall; and ~~a opposed first~~, shorter lateral sidewall and a second, shorter lateral sidewall[[s]], said sidewalls enclosing an interior space into which a toothbrush is stored; and a detachable receptacle cover slidingly engaged to said opposed front and rear longer sidewalls.

6. (Currently Amended) The combined toothbrush and toothpaste storage device as recited in claim 5, wherein opposed front and rear longer sidewalls of each toothbrush receptacle each have [[a]] one groove located adjacent to each top edge[[s]] thereof; and a second, shorter lateral sidewall has an elongate opening located adjacent to the top edge thereof, said opening aligned with said two grooves so that said detachable receptacle cover is disposed through said

elongate opening of said second lateral sidewall, and opposed longer side edges of said receptacle cover are received in sliding engagement by said two grooves of said front and rear sidewalls of said toothbrush receptacle

7. (Currently Amended) The combined toothbrush and toothpaste storage device as recited in claim 1, wherein said removable toothbrush carrying case is comprised of a rectangular housing having ~~a first pair of~~ a first sidewall, and a second, opposed sidewall~~[[s]], a second pair of~~ a [[first]] third sidewall and a second, opposed fourth, opposed sidewalls, a pair of grasping handles extending outwardly from said ~~second opposed~~ fourth sidewall, and a bottom sidewall, said sidewalls enclosing an interior space; a divider located within said interior space of said housing and having partitions that in conjunction with said sidewalls of said housing ~~defines~~ delineates a series of compartments for storing individual toothbrushes; and a detachable cover slidingly engaged at top edges of said first and second opposed sidewalls.

8. (Original) The combined toothbrush and toothpaste storage device as recited in claim 7, wherein said divider is comprised of a series of elongate, rectangular partitions disposed in parallel arrangement, said partitions separated from each other by a distance adequate to receive a toothbrush, and a single partition connected in perpendicular arrangement to said elongate, rectangular partitions proximate to one end thereof, said single partition having a rectangular opening located therein between any two elongate, rectangular partitions or

adjacent to any elongate, rectangular partition.

9. (Original) The combined toothbrush and toothpaste storage device as recited in claim 8, wherein said single partition maintains in frictional engagement a toothbrush within each rectangular opening thereof.

10. (Currently Amended) The combined toothbrush and toothpaste storage device as recited in claim 7, wherein said first and second opposed sidewalls of the removable toothbrush carrying case each have ~~[[a]]~~ one groove located adjacent to each top edge~~[[s]]~~ thereof, and said ~~second lateral~~ fourth sidewall has an elongate opening located adjacent to the top edge thereof, said opening and said two grooves disposed in coalignment and able to receive ~~receiving~~ detachable cover in sliding engagement within said opening and said two grooves.

11. (Original) The combined toothbrush and toothpaste storage device as recited in claim 1, wherein attachment means is comprised of a wall attachment panel that is securely attached at a first side thereof to a supporting wall surface and releasably attached at a second side thereof to a cooperating panel located adjacent to said rear sidewall of said toothbrush container.

12. (Currently Amended) The combined toothbrush and toothpaste storage device as recited in claim 11, wherein said wall attachment panel is

comprised of a layer of hook and loop material, ~~such as VELCRO®~~, a middle rigid panel, and a layer of adhesive material, said layer of hook and loop material attached to a first side of said middle rigid panel and said layer of adhesive material attached to an opposed second side of said middle rigid panel.

13. (Currently Amended) The combined toothbrush and toothpaste storage device as recited in claim 11, wherein said cooperating panel located adjacent to said rear sidewall of said toothbrush container is comprised of hook and loop material, ~~such as VELCRO®~~.

14. (Withdrawn) ~~A combined toothbrush and toothpaste storage device comprising:~~

~~(a) — a lower support section, said lower support section is generally L-shaped with inside and outside corners, and containing at an said inside corner thereof an L-shaped protuberance;~~

~~(b) — an upper support section located above said lower support section, said upper support section is generally L-shaped with inside and outside corners;~~

~~(c) — a toothpaste storage compartment located at the outside corners of said lower and upper support sections for storing age therein a quantity of toothpaste;~~

~~(d) — toothpaste storage tubes extending downward from the bottom side of said lower support section;~~

~~(e) — apertures with surrounding recesses located in said lower and upper support sections and communicating with the internal cavity of individual toothpaste storage tubes;~~

~~(f) — tube caps with plugs, said plugs located at the bottom side of said caps, said caps secured to lower and upper support section by side edges of said plugs frictionally engaging sidewalls of said upper and lower support sections surrounding said recesses thereof; and~~

~~(g) — adhesive strips attached to the exterior surface of said lower and upper support sections, said strips securing toothbrush and toothpaste storage device to a wall support surface.~~